

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 1262 - HB 1163

March 31, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that, in any municipality which maintains a regular fire department and is covered under the Workers Compensation Law, the presumption shall be made that any illness or injury to a firefighter is work-related. Such presumption is not currently made in Workers Compensation cases.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

Assumes that any local government entity which elects to be subject to Workers Compensation Law will experience increased claims, since any injury or illness currently has to be *proven* work-related before being covered by Workers Compensation.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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